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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure provisions of CFR. §1.56, there is hereby provided certain information which the Examiner may consider material to the examination of the subject U.S. patent application. It is requested that the Examiner make this information of record if it is deemed material to the examination of the application.

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Pursuant to 37 CFR §1.98(a), Applicant submits for the Examiner's information and consideration, the following United States patents together with a brief explanation of the relevance of each patent:

1.1 U.S. 5,916,277 A (Dallas)

The U.S. 5,916,277 (Dallas) became known to Applicant's counsel at the end of March, 2005 by the Office Action of the British Patent Office.

This citation discloses a multi-function tool (10) including a caddy (12), a cover (14), a modular primary implement (16) and a plurality of secondary implements (20). The tool has a first end (24) from which the primary implement (16) extends and a

secondary end (26) about which the secondary implement is pivotally attached. The cover (14) is also pivotally coupled at the first end (24) to the caddy (12) and moveable between a closed position in which an internal channel (32) is concealed and an open position in which the internal channel (32) is exposed. The cover (14) is pivotally connected to a hinge pin (34) arranged on the caddy (12) at its first end (24) and is releasably attached by a latch pin (36) to latch spacers (40) arranged on the caddy at its second end (26). The cover (14) including a light source (44) is disposed about an end thereof which may provide light to an area on which a secondary implement (20) is applied. Since the cover is fully detachable from the caddy, the cover may also be used as a separate flash light. The light source (44) is powered by a battery (46) located within the cover. A button (46) is mounted at a broadside outside the cover above the battery and provides a momentary switch action when depressed, thereby activating the light source.

1.2 U.S. 6,341,423 (Taggart et al.)

The U.S. 6,341,423 (Taggart et al.) became known to Applicant's counsel at the end of March, 2005 by the Office Action from the British Patent Office.

The citation discloses a multi-purpose tool (10) which has a first handle (20) and a second handle (30) to which a variety of tools may be coupled. One of the tools is a flash light (72; 172; 372) which may be pivotally mounted to the handle (20; 120), such as about a substantially centrally located pivot axis (177). The flash light includes conventional elements such as a bulb, a reflector, a switch and a battery providing sufficient power to provide the desired degree of illumination for potential uses of multi-purpose tool.

1.3 U.S. 5,967,641 (Sung et al.)

The U.S. 5,967,641 (Sung et al.) became known to the Applicant's counsel on May 23, 2005 by the Office Action of the French Patent Office.

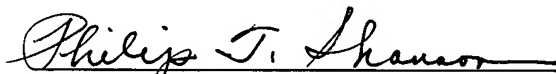
The citation discloses a tool box comprising a cover mounted to a case which receives a receiving member, an extension rod, a collapsible member and a light means therein which is actuated by a switch member disposed to the box. The switch member is slidably disposed to a first side of the base and has a protrusion formed thereto which slidably presses a first end of a second conducting plate to separate a second end of a first conducting plate.

No representation is made that the information cited in this Statement, is or is considered to be, material to patentability.

This Information Disclosure Statement is filed under 37 C.F.R. §1.97(c)(1) before the filing date of any of a final action under §1.13, a notice of allowance under §1.311, or an action that otherwise closes prosecution in the application.

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